

## Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application, as presently amended, in light of the remarks in this paper. Claims 1-18 have been rejected. Claims 19-24 have been withdrawn previously. Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, and 16 are presently amended. No claims are presently cancelled or added. Thus, claims 1-18 are pending.

Applicants have amended the listing of claims by adding the text of previously withdrawn Claims 19-24. Applicants submit the amended listing of claims comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the amended listing of claims replace the listing of claims previously submitted. Further, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the previously submitted amendment in its entirety, in light of the enclosed replacement listing of claims.

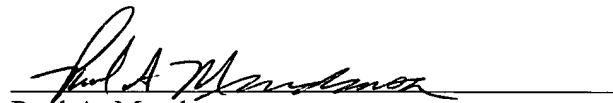
## Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,  
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